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SUBJECT: UNESCO QUESTIONNAIRE ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND
SPORTS PREPARED FOR IICPES

REF: TINSMAN/LAWTON TELCON 2-14.

1. IN ATTEMPT TO MEET UNESCO'S FEBRUARY 16TH DEADLINE WE
ARE ATTEMPTING TO SUMMARIZE OUR 20-PAGE U.S. GOVERNMENT
RESPONSE TO PART I OF SUBJECT QUESTIONNAIRE TO TRANSMIT BY
CABLE.

2. THE FOLLOWING, WHICH CONSTITUTES OUR RESPONSE TO PART II
OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF OUR BASIC POINTS
AND SUGGESTS PROCEDURAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN. PERMDEL MAY
TRANSMIT THIS IMMEDIATELY TO SECRETARIAT.

3. PART II THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS
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2.1 GENERALLY SPEAKING, WE CONCUR WITH THE ANALYSIS. WE
BELIEVE THAT ONLY GRADUAL SOLUTIONS MAY BE FOUND AS IMPROVE-
MENTS WILL DEPEND UPON FURTHER RESEARCH AND A MORE PRACTI-
CAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OLYMPIC IDEAL, BY ENLIGHTENED
SPORTSMEN AND A BETTER-EDUCATED PUBLIC. WE DO NOT,
HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT IICPES' TASK SHOULD BE TO DEFINE
AND DEVELOP A MECHANISM FOR PERMANENT CONSULTATION BETWEEN
GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL NGO'S. WE RECOMMEND
INSTEAD THE FOLLOWING:

(1) THAT THE SYNOPSIS REPORT, BASED ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE, BE SENT TO MEMBERS OF ICPES AT LEAST 6 WEEKS BEFORE ITS NEXT SESSION.

(2) THAT ICPES AT ITS MEETING REVIEW, COMMENT AND AMEND THE REPORT.

(3) THAT THE AMENDED REPORT BE SENT TO ALL MEMBER STATES, NGO'S AND COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE-SPORTS BODIES.

(4) THAT DG INVITE A SMALL GROUP, REPRESENTING MEMBER STATES, NGO'S, AND THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS BODIES TO EXPLORATORY MEETING TO: REVIEW ABOVE REPORT WITH AMENDMENTS IN ORDER TO 1) IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE BASIC PROBLEMS WHICH UNESCO COULD PROFITABLY ADDRESS; 2) SUGGEST PLAN AND PROCEDURES FOR COOPERATING WITH THE APPROPRIATE SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS; 3) THAT THESE SUGGESTIONS SHOULD THEN BE PRESENTED TO ICPES OR THE PERMANENT ICPES.

WE SUGGEST THAT UNESCO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

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COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKINGS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE. THE I.O.A. IS THE EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL ARM OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND ITS MAIN MISSION IS TO PROMOTE OLYMPISM AND TO ENCOURAGE THE UNDERSTANDING AND GENUINE APPLICATION OF THE OLYMPIC IDEAL, NOT ONLY IN HIGHLY COMPETITIVE SPORTS, BUT IN MASS PARTICIPATION AS WELL.

2.2 - 2.6 OUR ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS ARE SUBSUMED UNDER 2.1 AND 2.7 FOLLOWING.

2.7 OUR PERCEPTION OF UNESCO'S ROLE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN VARIOUS ASPECTS IN OUR RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS IN PART I. IN SUMMARY, WE BELIEVE UNESCO'S ROLE TO CONSIST ESSENTIALLY OF THE FOLLOWING:

PROMOTE THE IDEAL AND THE PRACTICE OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND FAIR PLAY THROUGH ALL UNESCO EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, THROUGH THE STRENGTHENING OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS.

FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE TRAINING OF COACHES, SPORTS OFFICIALS AND OTHER PERSONNEL

WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES IN SPORTS COMPETITION.

ENCOURAGE RESEARCH IN SPORTS MEDICINE AND RELATED

DISCIPLINES AS WELL AS THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION.

USE THE MORAL FORCE OF UNESCO, THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND UN SYSTEM TO CALL FAVORABLE ATTENTION TO PROGRAMS AND INCIDENTS THAT EMPHASIZE SPORTSMANLIKE

CONDUCT AND TO POINT OUT PROBLEMS OR CONDITIONS THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD BE CORRECTED.

FURTHERMORE, WE REITERATE OUR PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITION THAT IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR UNESCO TO ATTEMPT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE SPORTING EVENTS, OR TO INTERFERE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL NGO'S PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTS. WE DO AGREE THAT UNESCO COULD OFFER ITS GOOD OFFICES AND ASSISTANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND COOPERATION. SUCH COOPERATION CAN BE EFFECTED, WE THINK, ON A LOW-KEY, INFORMAL BASIS WIHOUT THE NEED TO ESTABLISH FORMAL INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES AND WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF DEVELOPING AN EXHAUSTIVE CATALOGUE OF PROBLEMS AND UNTOWARD INCIDENTS.

FINALLY, WE EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT UNESCO'S PURSUIT OF THIS ONE RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS, STEMMING FROM THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS, WILL NOT CONSUME A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF UNESCO'S STAFF TIME, ENERGY OR MATERIAL RESOURCES, OR THOSE OF MEMBER STATES. THERE ARE MANY OTHER RESOLUTIONS THAT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WHICH HAVE MUCH HIGHER PAY-OFF IN BRINGING UNESCO'S SERVICES AND INFLUENCES IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AND WHICH ARE MORE IN KEEPING WITH UNESCO'S UNIQUE AND HISTORIC ROLE. VANCE

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